

**Summary of the project of the creation
Expert Council of the transparency and sustain development Network (ESPUR)
11/15/2015**

January 2009 - April 2009 - discussion by representatives of NGOs involved in the implementation of EITI about the necessity in Kazakhstan to promote the principles of transparency and sustainable development, and joint of efforts for these purposes.

February 2009 - Seminar of the NGO Forum on ADB in Taraz on development of methods for monitoring projects funded by the ADB, as the results of which were created two public monitoring group (PMG) in SKR (B. Issaliyev), and in Zhambyl region (S. Koshelekova).

April 2009 - May 2009 - a series of workshops to develop the principles of sustainable development, carried out by the PA «Blago» for the grant of the World Bank in 8 regions of Kazakhstan, during which the Declaration and the Statute of the integration of NGOs of Kazakhstan- Association «Azamattyk Kuryltay» (Civil assembly) were agreed.

May 2009 - S. Koshelekova on a voluntary basis began the project monitoring of reconstruction the transport corridor «Western Europe - Western China» (RPC) in Zhambyl region.

June 2009 – the Concept Network ESPUR was developed.

June 30, 2009 - PA «Blago» acceded to the UN Global Compact

July 4, 2009 - constituent assembly in Astana on the establishment of the Association «Azamattyk Kuryltay» (Civil assembly).

July 6, 2009 - Meeting at the Government of Kazakhstan under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Karim Massimov, convened by the initiative of the Association «Azamattyk Kuryltay» (Civil Assembly) and held with the active participation of representatives of the Association.

July 30, 2009 - Meeting in Shymkent with the deputy akim of South Kazakhstan with participation of representatives from the World Bank, the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC), the Department of Highway SKR (RC), project companies and other stakeholders, and after that a productive relationship started to develop with the project team of World Bank led by Jacques Bure. During a series of meetings and audio conferencing was born the idea of creating the discussion forums on monitoring RPC in South Kazakhstan.

September 15, 2009 - Round table discussion on the Concept of a ESPUR Network, held with the support of G. Abdykalikova, the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Ambassador of the OSCE in Kazakhstan A. Keltchewsky and Managing Director of JSC NWF «Samruk - Kazyna» P. Howes, the participants of this Round table were representatives of other ministries, major companies, NGOs and the media.

November 2009 - the grant of the NGO Forum on ADB was received for monitoring and involvement of local communities in decision-making process on the site of RPC of Zhambyl region, the first appeal on this site, recognized the competence by the office of a special intermediary of the ADB project.

January 2010 – received the support from the Minister of Transport and Communications A. Kusainov of proposals from PA «Blago» about the cooperation in monitoring RPC, the contacts with the RC were established.

January 2010 – PA « Blago» held the workshop-meeting in Karaganda on the establishment of the regional ESPUR with the participation of A. Keltchewsky, Ambassador of the OSCE in Astana, representatives of the World Bank and the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan, which was held under the first Deputy of the region akim R. Urazgulov, where it was decided to create the working group.

January 2010 - March 2012 – discussion of PA «Blago» with the akimat of Karaganda region on the creation of regional ESPUR, which did not bring a positive results at that moment.

January 2010 - August 2010 – discussion of PA «Blago» with the World Bank team on the establishment of the ESPUR Network on the RPC highway ended in failure at that time.

February 2010 - the beginning of the process of changing the design of the project on the site «Settlement Birlik of Turkestan» on the results of the investigation Application from Issaliyev B. to the Inspection Council of World Bank. An achievement in relations between PMG and the RC. Creating the Ecological post № 1.

March 2010 - the creation of the Advisory agency on occasion the RPC at SKR with DRC and, after a while - with Zhambyl DRC.

June 2010 – the beginning of cooperation with RC and PMG headed by B. Issaliyev about the project « Bypassing of Temirlanovka village», resulting in a public debate at the expense of the project organization were held PMG of SKR, for which was done the following:

1. The Terms of Reference was developed and approved for the environment impact assessment (EIA) of bypass.

2. Booklet was developed and distributed to the population of the village Temirlanovka and Kazhymukan villages affected by the project's impact.

3. Conducted the public consultation on the negotiation underpasses sites and overpasses.

4. The public reception was created in the school of Kazhymukan village.

5. Comments on the results of the documentary expertise of the EIA report directed to the stakeholders.

September 2010 - August 2011 - Monitoring of JSC «ArcelorMittal Temirtau» conducted by the PA «Blago» under the contract with the company, in which has been tested methodology that covered 27,000 employees, who have presented about 40,000 of labor and social issues which concern to them.

October 2010 - September 2011 – the project implementation of the Youth Public Association «Independent generation of Kazakhstan» (Director U. Tnaliev), aiming at the creation of the Multilateral Council for Social Investment and Development of Atyrau region ended in failure.

October 2010 - December 2010 - a series of workshops in five regions, study-tour to Baku to study the experience of creating a Network of civilian control of the pipeline route «Baku - Tbilisi - Ceyhan pipeline» and a workshop in Karaganda on development of AA1000SES, conducted by PA «Blago» with the grants from the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and the OSCE Centre in Astana.

November 2010 – For the monitoring and creation the ESPUR Network of Zhambyl and South Kazakhstan regions were received the grants from the Global Greengrants Fund.

January 2011 - Meeting of the Deliberative authority in South Kazakhstan on Old Ikan's village land users' problems. Creating the Ecological post № 2.

January 2011 - Report of the Monitoring Group on Zhambyl region, which caused a serious reaction from the part of the RC and the ADB and turned the situation, which resulted in the recognition of PMG as civilian experts.

March 3, 2011 - Application to the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention, directed by Issaliyev B.M., which was admitted as competent and reviewed in December 2011 at the meeting in the Department of Legal Support of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Kazakhstan on 35-th Meeting of the Committee in Geneva.

March 2011 - Meeting in the ADB office in Almaty with the participation of Deputy. Chairman of the Committee of Roads of MTC (RC) Omirbayev N., representatives of the ADB, the project consultants, contractors and others, as well as NGOs - members of the Association («Taraz Press Club,» «Human Rights Committee of Zhambyl») and the PA «Otandastar.» Establishment of a Public Relations Group with the official coordinator from the Company of ADB project management.

June 2011 - August 2011 - registration and investigation of the second Statements of B. Issaliyev in the Inspection Board of the World Bank on the 4th facts of violations of Policies and Procedures of the World Bank.

June 2011 - February 2012 - implementation of the project PF YUKOF a «MISK» (Director E. Shvetsova) «Creating a network of civilian control in South Kazakhstan».

July 2011 - a meeting with the Managing Director of the World Bank Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, during which Y. Krivodanov proposed to organize a system of public control over the implementation of RPC modeled on a similar model of the EITI, which received support.

July 2011 - December 2011 - negotiation with the World Bank, with the MTC, EBRD, ADB and project management companies of the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation and the Regulations on ESPUR Network.

January 2012 - NGO «Taraz Press Club's» initiation of the excavation on the 162-260 km part of the track (Korday district), as a result was found the burial relating to the second millennium BC. During the excavation of one of the mounds were found inviolate burial of Bronze Age.

February 2012 – the visit of representatives of the World Bank Kazakhstan Henry Kerali and Jacques Bure, that gave a powerful impulse to the project of creating ESPUR Network.

March 12, 2012 - Meeting at MTC, on which was announced the signing of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the MTC, project management companies, construction supervision companies and Association «Azamattyk Kuryltay» (Civil assembly).

March 19, 2012 - public consultation in the village of Stariy Ikan, during which the problems of design and equipping of hydraulic structures on agricultural land were discussed. As a result the following decision was made: the project of equipping of hydraulic structures will be prepared and submitted to the land users and all stakeholders.

June 14, 2012 - the completion of the signing of the memorandum by all parties - the Committee for Roads MTC, project management companies, construction supervision companies and Association «Azamattyk Kuryltay» (Civil Assembly).

June 19, 2012 - The conclusion of the Agreement between the OSCE Centre in Astana and the NGO «Blago» on the financing of the project to create ESPUR Network.

June 2012 - July 2012 - Development of the Work Plan, Program and tools of monitoring, information materials

11 - 12 July 2012 - Inception Workshop in Karaganda with the participation of co-coordinators of the project and assistants of the project manager, on which the project team was formed and the Work plan of activities was agreed to the smallest detail.

July 13, 2012 - the first meeting of the National ESPUR, on which the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation was approved.

July 28, 2012 - Second Meeting of the National ESPUR, on which the following decision, in particular, were made:

1. *Assign the responsibilities of the Secretariat of the National ESPUR on PA «Blago».*
2. *To approve the Work plan of creating ESPUR Network on the highway corridor «Western Europe - Western China».*
3. *Approve the Monitoring Program of reconstruction the transport corridor «Western Europe - Western China» project.*

August 1, 2012 - September 9, 2012 – holding the monitoring covered the 57 settlements of 3 regions.

September 2012 - November 2012 – holding the surveys of employees of construction companies that have covered 8 companies (the report is not made, since, due to the seasonality of work, the surveys of employees remaining 17 companies postponed to 2013).

16 - 18 April 2013 – holding the exit workshops of the National ESPUR in Kyzylorda and South Kazakhstan and Zhambyl regions in which the Memorandum on the establishment of regional ESPUR was signed.

24 - 28 April 2013 – holding the monitoring, covered 6 settlements of Aktobe region.

June 19, 2013 – by the decision of the 6th meeting of the National ESPUR adopted additions and amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation, expands the boundaries of ESPUR Network's coverage on other projects of reconstruction and construction of roads.

July 4, 2013 – nonprofit organization «Aarhus Committee of Kazakhstan» was registered mandated by the decision of Association «Azamattyk Kuryltay - Civil Assembly» aimed at improving the social, economic, legal, environmental, cultural and other living conditions of the citizens of Kazakhstan through the creation a Network of Aarhus Centers in Kazakhstan «Zhanyl kalkan - Green Shield» and implementation of the Aarhus Centers projects. Thus, the Association has gained legal status, allowing to carry out activities within the whole republic.

October 5, 2013 - National consolidated report of transparency and sustainable development was made.

October 17, 2013 – formed the composition of the Aarhus Committee of Kazakhstan and approved the projects implemented within it.

November 13, 2013 in Astana and from **21 to 24 October 2013**, respectively, in Zhambyl, South Kazakhstan, Kyzylorda and Aktobe oblast – Round tables to discuss the National consolidated report of transparency and sustainable development were held. Simultaneously the 7th meeting of NESPUR was conducted, on which the Consolidated National Report transparency and sustainable development was approved and were adopted the additions to the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation due to the consent of NC JSC «KazAvtoZhol» for entry into the Memorandum.

December 04, 2013 – in the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Regulation of Natural Monopolies held a meeting to consider the proposal of the Kazakhstan Aarhus Committee about the cooperation, on the basis of which was made a protocol decision containing obligations of the parties and the deadlines of their execution, which were subsequently unilaterally disavowed by Agency.

February 2014 - June 2014 - in 6 regions of Kazakhstan held 23 workshop-meetings involving representatives of 434 rural and regional akimats, construction companies and the media, during which was presented ESPUR Network and project supported by the World Bank and aimed at the development on ESPUR Network and, in particular, the creation of the Aarhus Centres in all localities.

June 2014 - the beginning of the project realization supported by the World Bank and aimed at developing of ESPUR Network. Conducting the inception workshop to form a team project, to elaboration of the logistics and monitoring methodology, covering six regions of Kazakhstan.

August 2014 - January 2015 - Monitoring PRTC and "Astana - Temirtau" in 6 regions of Kazakhstan. During this monitoring 2,730 residents from 254's settlements were surveyed, it was identified more than 840 problems caused by the construction.

October 20, 2014 - PA "Blago" has filed a complaint to the project complaint mechanism of EBRD (PCM EBRD) due to the damage caused as a result of the Bank's experts ignored the information about the shortcomings identified during the PRTC monitoring of Aktobe region..

February 2015 - informing the residents of settlements covered by monitoring, about the consideration of the identified issues (364 residents covered by phone calls).

February 11, 2015 - The Committee for Construction of the Ministry of National Economy of RK, on the proposal of the Aarhus Committee of Kazakhstan, has sent requests to the 25 public, quasi-public and private organizations to provide lists of construction projects, thus initiating the research on transparency of the construction industry of Kazakhstan. As a result, we obtained the lists of construction projects from 21 organizations totaling more than \$ 7 trillion tenge (40 billion US dollars).

18 - March 19, 2015 – Conducting of inception Workshop with the participation of six experts who will carry out the research of the construction industry transparency.

February 2015 - present - a conflict with the World Bank, caused by the actions of Bank staff actions, and has led to the termination of funding and suspension of the project of creating a ECTSD Network in general, and in particular - the research of transparency of the construction sector.

May 2015 – the visit of PCM EBRD expert to Kazakhstan with an attendance to the 6 settlements of Aktobe, affected by PRTC.

September 2015 - PCM EBRD expert has published the reports on EBRD website, made on the results of the audit of PA "Blago's" complaint. Reports admit the acceptability of the PA "Blago's" complaint and contain measures to eliminate identified violations of the residents' interests (<http://www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/project-finance/project-complaint-mechanism/pcm-register.html>).

October 2015 - The President of the EBRD approved a plan of action developed by the PCM EBRD.

October 4, 2015 - the beginning of the trial on the suit of Y.Krivodanov, the leader of ECTSD Network creation project to the World Bank, filed in connection with the fact that all other attempts to resolve the conflict with the Bank did not bring a positive result (<https://open-society-kz.org/news2/claim.html>).